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Trump endorses Romney in White House race

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Real estate tycoon and reality TV star Donald Trump endorsed Republican presidential frontrunner Mitt Romney yesterday, in another boost for the former Massachusetts governor.

After keeping poll-watchers guessing -- as late as Wednesday evening, a senior Gingrich official claimed Trump would endorse his candidate -- Trump announced he was throwing his weight behind Romney.

"It's my honor, real honor and privilege to endorse Mitt Romney," he said, with the candidate and his wife Ann standing next to him.

"Mitt is tough, he's smart, he's sharp, he's not going to allow bad things to continue to happen to this country that we all love," Trump added, speaking in one of his own hotels in Las Vegas.

"Governor Romney, go out and get 'em, you can do it," he added, before the men shook hands for the cameras.

The two main Republican candidates arrived in the Nevada gambling center on Wednesday after Romney soundly defeated Gingrich in the Florida primary, re-establishing himself as the clear frontrunner in the race.

A new poll yesterday gave Romney a clear lead over Gingrich in the western battleground state, with 45 percent to the former House speaker's 25 percent.

In December, Romney snubbed Trump by declining to participate in a debate to be hosted by the tycoon, although Trump later said that he did not resent the former Massachusetts governor's decision.

A grand birthday celebration for Janchi Tromp, an icon of Aruba news media

Presently, Aruba boasts 3 local TV stations, 13 newspapers and a slew of radio stations broadcasting local and international news. In the heyday of Janchi Tromp, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Wednesday, February 1, the total of all of those combined could be counted on one hand.

Janchi was of the vanguard of island journalism, a multi-faceted talent with a keen interest in current events and informing the community. He began by reporting for local papers, including the



Janchi with fellow newsmen



With wife Clea, children and grandchildren

English publication for Lago Colony residents, The Esso News.

When Aruba's first TV station, TeleAruba, Channel 13, went on the air in the early 60's, it was Juanchi's nightly news the island tuned into at 8:00 PM. Not only was he anchor (and sole com-

mentator and reporter) but he was also cameraman, editor and copywriter, single-handedly going out and getting the

story and presenting it to his viewers.

He moved on to radio in 1967 and established his popular 1:30 PM program on Voz di Aruba, where he delivered the news to the Aruban community for the next 34 years, until Senile Dementia forced his retirement in 2001 at the age of 79.

Janchi's career also entailed being an MC and a good part of his early career entailed making radio commercials. Lizette Does of the San Pedro di Verona Home, where he resides, recalls his famous Pepsi ad, the first on the island for that product, where he provided the tag line and sound effects!

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Digicel joyfully welcomed the Rincon Boyzz, winners of the Tumba 2012 contest to the event. They provided a delightful Carnival ambiance at the Digicel locale, especially when they played their winning number, "Den Historia." Everyone who won was thrilled with their prizes and with the sweet tunes of the



Rincon Boyzz.

The first 10 customers who bought Afls.25 or more had the opportunity to spin the wheel and win one of the great Digi-

cel prizes.

The next opportunity to spin Digicel's Wheel of prizes will be next Monday, February 6th at the Digicel Tanki Leendert locale

Stay off the sidewalks and avoid traffic fines



The police has announced that they will be very strict during the upcoming Carnival parade. They will be paying special attention to automobiles parked along the route. Parking in prohibited areas, such as on sidewalks will be fined. According to Inspector Ricardo Muller, in charge of Traffic, our citizens need to understand that they cannot park their vehicles anywhere they please; they must obey and respect traffic rules.

Inspector Muller emphasized that using the Tow Truck to remove vehicles improperly parked is not to simply to annoy people, but to stop the flagrant disobedience of the traffic laws.

Improperly parked vehicles endanger the lives of pedestrians who are forced to walk onto streets with the impending dangers that this brings. Parking on sidewalks and at the corner of the road are not allowed; these vehicles will be removed by the police. The traffic laws will be enforced also during the Carnival period. One of the traffic laws states that if a vehicle is wrongly parked and is obstructing the visibility of other traffic and/or endangering the lives of pedestrians, it may be removed by the police.

This means that vehicles removed by the police will cost the owner a fine of Afls.175 to get his vehicle back. If a vehi-

cle is wrongly parked with key in the ignition, but was not removed by the Tow Truck, the owner will be fined Afls.75 to reclaim the vehicle.

The police will pay special attention to the Linear Park area. The government has spent about 5 million Aruban florins to beautify this area and definitely does not want automobiles destroying the area. It is prohibited to park anywhere around the Linear Park corridor or at the back of this area. To park at the back of the area means that the vehicle had to have cross over the pedestrian path to get there, which is strictly prohibited.

There will also be strict control on the Vondellaan to ensure that no structures are erected on sidewalks to obstruct the passage of pedestrians. Tents with automobiles parked under them is also against the rules and will be towed by the police. DOW officials will be monitoring this to make sure that everyone complies with the rules with respect to the placement of tents, chairs or palettes. Inspector Muller urges everyone to adhere to the rules and to not park on intersections. Intersections must remain unobstructed for the free passage of Police, the Fire Brigade and Ambulance. In the words of Muller, "...Please, let us all respect the traffic laws."



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Island media sampled this “tidal wave” of an oversized sandwich featuring the famous Burger King charcoal grilled beef patty, creamy guacamole, Swiss cheese and crispy bacon, in addition to the usual garnishes of lettuce, tomatoes and onions.

It was announced how pleased they are to offer this interesting new taste and a more diverse menu to match the taste of their loyal clientele. Along with the California Whopper, taste-testers also had a preview of another appealing snack item: Cheese Tots; bite-size samples of their famous hash browns with melty cheese mixed in.

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Future of Valero Aruba up in air

NEW YORK -- Valero Energy CEO Bill Klesse on Tuesday signaled the possible closure of two more refineries -- one his company owns and one it does not -- adding to the growing list of shutdowns that are reshaping the global downstream market.

In North America, Klesse compared the outlook for Valero's 235,000 b/d Aruba refinery in the Caribbean to the Hovensa plant in the region that is being shut by the Hess-PDVSA joint venture and turned into a terminal.

"We're in the same boat as what was announced by one of our competitors operating in

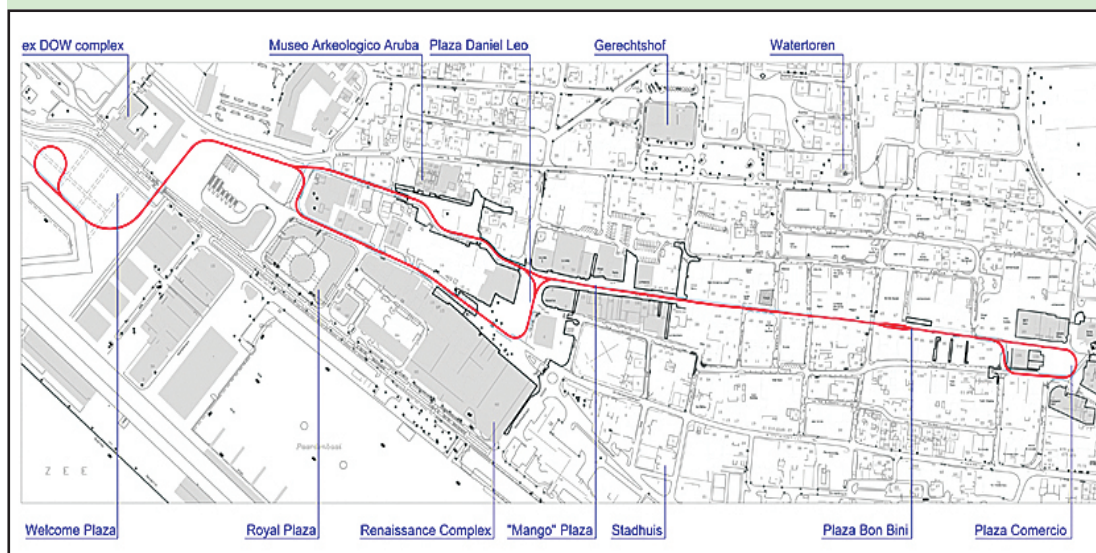
the Caribbean," he said, confirming the Aruba plant posted a loss in the fourth quarter.

A decision on "strategic alternatives" for Aruba will be made "very shortly here within the first quarter," he said.

Valero spokesman Bill Day confirmed in an email that a shutdown is one of several options being looked out, including "a sale, a joint operating agreement and further reductions in runs."

The closure of Aruba would affect the intermediates sent from that plant to Valero's Gulf Coast refineries, as well as Atlantic Basin crude purchases.

Of all things...Aruba gets a "green" Tram!



Route that the tram will travel from the Wharf to down town Oranjestad

ORANJESTAD -- Sometime towards the end of this year, Aruba will become the first and only country in the Caribbean to implement the service of a tram or trolley as a means of public transport for travel through the inner city center.

Not only will Aruba's tram be an innovation for this tiny island, but it will also be unique in that it will be a totally "green" vehicle...using green energy...a rechargeable battery!

The tram is part of an integral program for the revitalization of the city center of Oranjestad. According to the government, the city center in downtown Oranjestad needed a drastic change to bring back shoppers to the commercial area of the mainstreet.

The rails for the tram have recently arrived on the island and it is expected that the work of laying these will begin very soon. Reportedly, the tram should be in opera-

tion by the end of the year.

The team of experts who worked on the tram project specifically chose an energy efficient vehicle using solar energy. They also chose an

open type tram as can be observed from the accompanying photo.

They intend to order three of these vehicles with a capacity for carrying about 70



Aruba's newest vehicle with the Aruba logo affixed on its front end.

persons each. The trams will run every 8 and a half minutes and stop at 8 designated tram stops. These vehicles move rather slowly.

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With Lizette Does



Personal and professional life through the years

Juanchi's family, wife Clea, son Juanchi Jr. and daughter Vicky were on hand to provide a lovely party for his fellow residents and staff of San Pedro di Verona, along with the dozens of island media, many of them former colleagues and protégés, who along with many admirers, came to pay homage to Juanchi on his special day.

The walls of the home's

recreation room were lined with memories of Juanchi when he was considered one of Aruba's premiere media personalities; the staff of THE MORNING NEWS wishes Juanchi and his family Pabien and expresses their gratitude for the legacy Juanchi has left for all news media on Aruba.

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Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple who are loyal visitors of Aruba, as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honoring took place at the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years. The honorees are Mr. Michael and Mrs. Maria Nazaro. The Nazzaros say they love the Island very much because of the friendly people who live and work here, the climate, beaches, restaurants and all other activities that the island has to offer. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mr. Francis Ridderstap Leisure Services manager at the Divi Tamarijn Beach Resort.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Groundhogs clash over US weather prognosis



Groundhog handler Ron Ploucha holds Punxsutawney Phil after he saw his shadow predicting 6 more weeks of winter. (AFP)

NEW YORK (AFP) - Hollywood star and weather seer Punxsutawney Phil used to be the only groundhog that mattered in weather predicting, but Phil's shock decision yesterday that spring is still six weeks away put him out on a limb.

As the eastern United States enjoys an exceptionally mild winter, most would have guessed that spring is around the corner. But when Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his burrow yesterday, his handlers announced he was able to see his shadow. According to tradition, that signals six more weeks of winter.

Nothing if not self-assured, the clever groundhog, whose persona starred in a Bill Murray comedy "Groundhog Day," immediately updated his Facebook page: "6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER!!!!!!"

The ritual in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania risked provoking skeptics, whether children looking forlornly at their unused sleds, or adults sweltering on their way to the office in winter overcoats.

As it happens, last year, in the thick of a particularly sav-

age, snowy winter, Phil perkily suggested that he hadn't seen his shadow and therefore relief was around the corner. Maybe not so clever.

Americans might start paying more attention to Phil's often overlooked competitor Charles G. Hogg, the resident groundhog at Staten Island Zoo in New York City.

On being dragged out of his burrow yesterday in the presence of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Chuck, as he's commonly known, did not see his shadow -- meaning, of course, that currently mild temperatures will stay that way right up until the official start of spring.

CBS reports that Chuck, who provoked admiration in some quarters when he bit Bloomberg's hand in 2009, has been more right than wrong since the Staten Island tradition started in the 1980s.

This year, even lesser rivals in Georgia and Ohio also reportedly failed to see their shadows, piling more pressure on poor old Punxsutawney Phil. It must be enough to make him want to slink back into hibernation.

Mexico traffickers ramp up synthetic drug production

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Seizures of precursor chemicals for synthetic drugs and raids on drug labs have multiplied in Mexico and Guatemala in recent months, as experts say traffickers are increasingly turning to production.

The shift is another sign of the growth of Mexico's cartels, once known as cocaine traffickers to the United States and now infamous for violent turf wars and trafficking drugs to Australia or Africa, people trafficking and extortion.

In Mexico, many synthetic drug laboratories have been discovered in western Pacific coast states, where there has also been a sharp rise in seizures of precursor chemicals in port cities, mostly on ships from China.

We note "a change of direction in the activities of criminal organizations, who are turning to the production of synthetic drugs," said general Ricardo Trevilla, spokesman for the Mexican army, in a recent statement.

Hundreds rescued as Papua New Guinea ferry sinks

PORT MORESBY (AFP) - More than 200 people were plucked from waters off Papua New Guinea yesterday after a ferry sank but dozens remained missing with rescuers scouring the choppy seas for survivors.

Operator Star Ships said it lost contact with the MV Rabaul Queen at about 6:00am while it was travelling between Kimbe and Lae in the east of the Pacific nation, blaming bad weather for the disaster.

Star Ships said there were 350 passengers and 12 crew onboard, Australian news agency AAP reported late yesterday. The passengers were PNG locals, mainly students.

It added that the 22-year-

Mexican authorities have not published figures on the production of synthetic drugs but say they have uncovered 646 laboratories and seized more than 45 tons of methamphetamines and 13.5 million psychoactive pills since 2006.

Between 2001 and 2006, the army discovered only 10 laboratories for producing synthetic drugs.

In 2011, they also intercepted more than 1,200 tons of precursor chemicals used in drugs like amphetamines, including monomethylamine, derived from ammonia.

Mexican defense officials say the rapid growth of drug labs is partly due to the success of the government's eradication of marijuana or heroin poppy fields.

But authorities also say it is easier to set up a lab than plant a field of drug crops and, most importantly, the profits are greater.

"Synthetic drugs represent a very attractive opportunity for criminal organizations be-

cause, unlike natural drugs, they can be produced anywhere, once the organization has access to precursor chemicals and a basic knowledge," said Antonio Mazzitelli, director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

These activities "allow them to obtain a product that can be sent onto the market very cheaply," with a world market of synthetic drugs estimated at \$65 billion, he said.

In neighboring Guatemala - which has seen major incursions by Mexican gangs in recent years -- security forces captured 30 tons of precursor chemicals in 2011, and six tons so far in 2012, according to official figures.

Some observers, including US-based analysts Stratfor, speculate that Mexican cartels may be moving production of methamphetamine south of the border in response to Mexico's military clampdown on organized crime.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sweden says Assange appeal would overturn European law



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange (C) leaves the Supreme Court in central London on February 2, 2012 on the second day of his appeal against extradition to Sweden over rape allegations. (AFP)

LONDON (AFP) - Swedish authorities yesterday rejected arguments by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange against his extradition, telling Britain's top court that if he won the case it could turn European law on its head.

The 40-year-old Australian -- making what is almost certainly his last appearance before British judges -- says the Swedish prosecutor who ordered his arrest in December 2010 over rape allegations was not a valid judicial authority.

But Clare Montgomery, the lawyer for the Swedish authorities, told the Supreme Court in London that at least eight countries would be barred from using the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) system if Assange's appeal were allowed.

"It would undermine the framework decision (of the EAW system) as it was agreed by, and as it has now been given effect by, a number of our extradition partners," Montgomery told the panel of seven judges.

She was speaking on the second and final day of the hearing at the wood-paneled

courtroom in central London, after which the judges are expected to defer their decision for several weeks.

Assange is fighting extradition to Sweden to face allegations of rape and sexual assault made by two women, which he denies. He insists the sex was consensual and says the allegations are politically motivated.

If the Supreme Court rejects his appeal, Assange will have exhausted all his options in Britain but he could still make a last-ditch appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

Dozens of supporters were again in court yesterday to see the white-haired former hacker, who has become a cause celebre since his anti-secrecy website enraged Washington by leaking thousands of secret US documents.

In her arguments, Montgomery raised the legal systems of France, Denmark, the Netherlands and even Cambodia. She added that there was "nothing either shocking to the conscience or violative of basic human rights" for a prosecutor or police officer to issue such a warrant.

Red Cross: Death toll from Colombia car bomb rises to nine

BOGOTA (AFP) - The death toll from a powerful car-bombing of a police station by leftist guerrillas in Colombia rose to nine yesterday, the Colombian Red Cross said.

Nearly 70 people were wounded in the blast Wednesday, which set fire to about a dozen buildings in the southwestern town of Tumaco on Wednesday, Red Cross officials said.

Two of the wounded later died of their injuries, lifting the death toll to nine, including three policemen, a Red Cross spokesman said.

It was the deadliest attack against civilians in Colombia this year.



A Colombian police investigator examines a body of a policeman who was killed in a car bomb blast

Arrests raise tensions between Chile, Peru

LIMA (AFP) - A young Chilean has been detained for taking photographs of a military barracks in southern Peru, the second such arrest in as many days near a military installation, police said yesterday.

The two countries historically have had strained relations over a border dispute dating from the late 19th century when Chile defeated Peru in the War of the Pacific.

The latest arrest involved an unidentified 19-year-old who a police source said had been invited to a sports event Wednesday at the Gregorio Albarracin military base in Tacna, a Peruvian region that borders Chile.

"It appears that out of curiosity he took some photographs of the barracks stables, but it was in a restricted area so he was detained by the military police," the source, who asked not to be identified, told AFP.

On Tuesday, another Chilean was arrested near the Ta-

lara air base, more than 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) north of Lima, Defense Minister Alberto Otazola said.

Regional press reports said the detainee said he was touring South America by bicycle and had to camp out near the base because of a problem with one of the bicycle's wheels.

In Santiago, Chilean Foreign Minister Alfredo Moreno sought to calm nerves, telling CNN Chile that the detainee had no connection to the Chilean military or any other institution.

"He didn't have a camera,

he didn't have maps, he didn't have blueprints related to the base. He had drawings -- he is a painter -- that had nothing to do with the base," Moreno said.

"In Chile and Peru we have to turn our attention to other things. The truth is that we are not in a conflict, we are two countries with many things in common," he said.

Suspensions between the two countries blew up into a diplomatic crisis in 2009 when Peru accused two Chilean military officers of paying a Peruvian military officer for state secrets.



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The trend towards active travel can be seen in the growing interest in activities such as hiking, biking and climbing. The island of Aruba is responding to this increasing demand by proving that it has much more to offer than Caribbean sun and sand. The island, 20 miles long by 6 miles wide, is the right size for convenient off-the-beaten-path exploration while the semi-arid topography and geological formations offer a wealth of activities distinct from other Caribbean isles.

Aruba's Arikok National

Park creates the perfect setting for a hike, with trails that lead visitors through historic, cultural and natural treasures. Mount Jamanota, the island's highest point at 620 feet, and Hooiberg Mountain at 541 feet, offer challenges for more ambitious hikers while the Casibari Rock Formations provide easier climbs with similar vistas. For additional ways to explore Aruba's exotic terrain, travelers can rent bikes or take horse back riding tours from companies throughout the island.

After working up a sweat, vacationers can cool off by trying some of Aruba's famed water sports. The constant trade winds and combination of flat and choppy water conditions make Aruba ideal for both professional and novice windsurfers and kiteboarders. Not only are these water sports fun, but they also give

the body a full workout.

Also available to travelers are the fitness centers located at Aruba's resorts, many of which offer aerobics classes including Zumba, Aqua aerobics and yoga. Since no workout is complete without a well-balanced meal, the assortment of restaurants throughout the island provides diners with healthy choices ranging from fresh seafood to grilled steaks and salads.

With the abundance of activities and adventures to choose from, vacationers to Aruba can rest assured that their health and wellness goals will be met while they indulge in a trip where the sun and sand are constant and the memories are everlasting.

For additional information on how to stay fit on your next vacation in Aruba, please visit www.aruba.com.

US study finds Alzheimer's spreads like infection

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A new US study has found that Alzheimer's disease spreads from one part of the brain to another like an infection, a discovery that could aid the development of treatments to slow its progress.

The Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) study on transgenic mice found that the abnormal tau protein linked to the disease travels along brain circuits, "jumping" from neuron to neuron.

The findings, published Wednesday in the online journal PLoS One, could one day help researchers develop treatments to slow or halt the progression of the disease, which causes increasingly severe de-

mentia.

"The most effective approach may be to treat Alzheimer's the way we treat cancer -- through early detection and treatment, before it has a chance to spread," said study co-author and neurology professor Scott Small.

"The best way to cure Alzheimer's may be to identify and treat it when it is just beginning, to halt progression. It is during this early stage that the disease will be most amenable to treatment.

"That is the exciting clinical promise down the road."

Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, is characterized by the accumulation of plaques and

fibrous tangles (composed of abnormal tau) in brain cells called neurons.

Previous studies have also suggested that the disease begins in the entorhinal cortex -- which plays a key role in memory -- before spreading to other regions important for higher brain functions.

An estimated 5.4 million people suffer from the disease, which is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

The disease cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed, but some treatments can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms.

India's air the worst, says study



NEW DELHI (AFP) - India has the worst air quality in the world, beating even its neighbour China, according to an annual survey based at Yale and Columbia universities in the United States.

Of all the countries surveyed in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI), which measures the effects of polluted air on human health, India ranked the lowest at 132.

The study used satellite data to measure air pollution concentrations.

The level of fine particulate

matter in India is nearly five times the limit where it becomes unsafe for humans, said the study released at the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Health experts say particulate matter is one of the main causes of acute lower respiratory infections and even cancer.

India scored a meagre 3.73 out of a possible 100 points in the air analysis, lagging way behind Bangladesh, the next-worst performer, which scored 13.66.

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160 dead as cold snap grips Europe



A man walks along a snow covered street in the south-eastern Serbian town of Medvedja.

WARSAW (AFP) - A cold snap kept Europe in its icy grip on Thursday, pushing the death toll to 160 as countries from Italy to Ukraine struggled to cope with temperatures that plunged to record lows in some places.

Nine more people died in Poland overnight as temperatures hit minus 32 Celsius (minus 25.6 Fahrenheit) in the southwest, bringing the overall toll to 29 since the deep freeze began last week, national police said.

In Ukraine, tens of thousands of people have headed to shelters trying to escape the freeze that the emergencies ministry said has now killed 63 people.

Most of them literally froze to death on the street, with only a handful making it to hospital before succumbing to hypothermia, the ministry said.

Shivering and hungry, tens of thousands of Ukrainians have sought help in the more than 2,000 temporary shelters set up by the authorities to help

the poor survive the fearsome spell of cold weather.

In Romania, eight people died overnight because of the cold, bringing the overall toll to 22, the health ministry said. Schools remained closed in some parts of the country as temperatures reached minus 31 degrees Celsius.

In Bulgaria, where the mercury dipped to lows not seen in a century, at least 10 people have died, according to media. Authorities have not released official figures.

With parts of the Danube freezing, authorities moved some vessels to ports further away to protect them from the advancing ice.

And in the capital Sofia, some residents found their money frozen as automated teller machines stopped functioning, according to local media.

In Latvia, 10 people have died around the capital Riga alone, with no figures available for the rest of the country.

In neighbouring Lithuania a 55-year-old homeless man found in the ruins of an abandoned house in Klaipeda became the ninth victim of the chill.

And in Estonia, organisers even had to postpone a trio of cross-country skiing events after temperatures plunged to minus 30.

In Italy, hundreds of people were trapped overnight on trains as freezing temperatures and heavy snowfalls in the centre and north caused widespread chaos on roads, railways and at airports.

In France, 41 of the 101 regions were on alert for snow or "deep cold", mainly in the east.

In Serbia, the cold has killed seven people and trapped some 11,500 others, mostly in remote mountain villages inaccessible by road.

Sea Turtle Baby Boom Smashes Record



Green turtles laid more than 1 million eggs last year on one of the Turtle Islands in the southern Philippines. That number of slimy turtle eggs set an all-time high since recording of nesting started in 1984.

Some 14,220 green turtle nests were found on Baguan Island in 2011, breaking the previous record of 12,311 nests set in 1995. The 2011 figures translate to 2,844 nesting green turtles and 1.44 million turtle eggs laid, according to the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the conservation group Conservation International.

"1.44 million eggs is an astounding number and it presents great hope for boosting green turtle populations," said Romeo Trono, executive director of Conservation International in the Philippines.

With an average of 90 percent hatching success and a 1

percent survival rate up to sexual maturity, the turtle baby boom in Baguan in 2011 alone could contribute 13,000 individuals to the adult turtle population, Trono said.

Baguan is one of the nine islands of the Turtle Islands Heritage Protected Area, a protected area jointly managed by Malaysia and the Philippines. Baguan is one of six islands of the Philippines' Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary. [Colorful Creatures of the Philippines]

Since the previous high in 1995, Baguan's nesting records have been declining and dropped to as low as just over 4,000 nests in 2003, according to figures from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Poaching by foreign fishermen, egg harvesting for food and trade, illegal fishing methods and weak law enforcement contributed to the decline in the sea turtle population in the sanctuary.

Saving the turtles of the Turtle Islands is important to the overall health of the Coral Triangle, a triangular area of waters bordered by Indonesia, Malaysia and West Papua that boasts spectacular biodiversity, said Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Ramon Paje.

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17. '50s teen's wear
19. Half ___ (skateboarder's structure)
20. Orderly
21. Magnificent
22. Years, to Pedro
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25. Jukebox selection
27. Author A.A.
30. Draft gp.
32. Concert hall distraction
35. "___ Fideles"
37. "I do ___!"

(Scarlett's cry)

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40. DDE's domain
42. Without exception
43. Actress Peggy
44. Dried off
46. Certain race horse
48. ___ change
49. Military decoration: abbr.
52. Dare not, in Podunk
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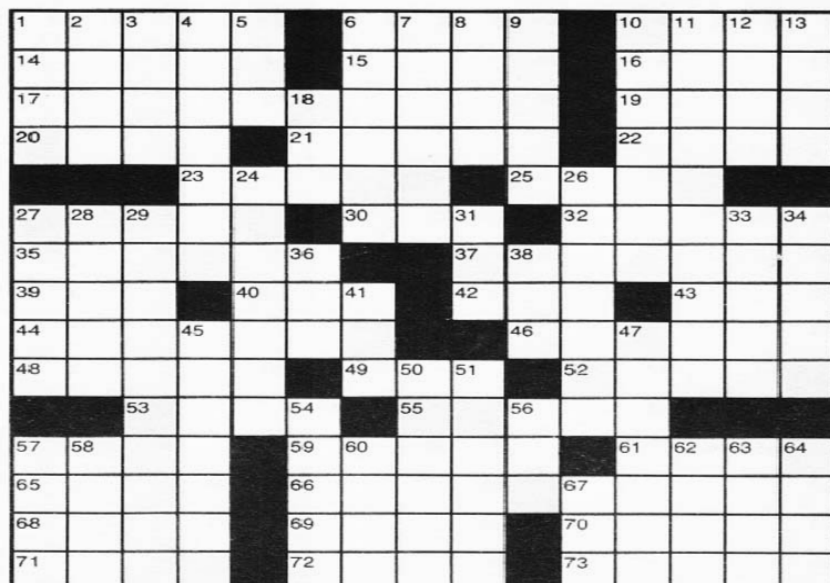
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69. Cleese's fellow
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73. "___ hooks" (shipping label)

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2. Freud's article
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9. Shows up

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18. Rank of Otto's master: abbr.
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28. "Bought the farm," e.g.
29. '80s teen's wear
31. Gp. anticipating the Second Coming
33. Tyro's shade
34. "___ of Gold" (Neil Young)
36. St. Tropez summer
38. North Dakota's state tree
41. Roulette bet
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50. Sugar or salt
51. 1996 Albert Brooks comedy
54. Rose pest
56. After sigma
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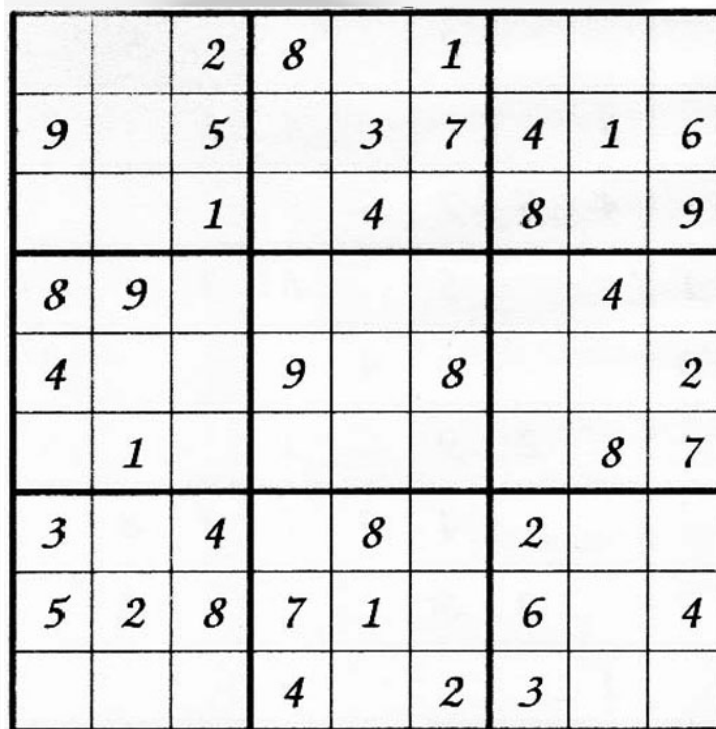
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Finance

Eurozone's Juncker warns Greece bank talks 'ultra difficult'

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) - Negotiations to fix a massive write-down with private investors of Greek sovereign debt are at an "ultra difficult" stage, eurozone chief Jean-Claude Juncker said yesterday.

"These negotiations are ultra difficult," the Luxembourg prime minister told school pupils in a blunt address, referring to the key first condition for a global agreement on a second financial rescue for Athens.

Juncker, who chairs the Eurogroup that gathers finance ministers from the 17 currency partners, joked that the progress of the negotiations meant "this will be the last happy moment of the day for me."

In Athens, Greek government spokesman Pantelis Kapsis also said the talks were proving "very difficult," telling Mega private television that the "cost" of the decisions fac-

ing the caretaker coalition led by Lucas Papademos "will not be anodyne for our citizens."

In Frankfurt, the chairman of the organisation negotiating for the banks said he was "likely" to go to Greece this weekend, although he also suggested that the private sector banks were willing to drag the fight out for "weeks" in order to wring out more concessions.

"We are very close and hopefully will reach an agreement within the next weeks or days," said Josef Ackermann, head of Deutsche Bank, Germany's biggest bank, who heads up the Institute of International Finance representing the banks.

Private-sector creditors holding about 200 billion euros worth of Greek sovereign bonds are being asked to accept a writedown in value of "70 percent or more," Ackermann said.

"The question is, whether others contribute as well," he added, in an apparent reference to EU states and the European Central Bank.

Under an EU agreement struck in October, the first step in fixing a new bailout is to slash 100 billion euros from Greece's total debt of around 350 billion euros.

Juncker's Eurogroup has also ordered a new economic adjustment program from the Greek government as Athens faces debt redemptions worth a total 14.4 billion euros on March 20, needing the debt write-down deal to go through so it can get access to fresh funds to meet its bills and avoid a default.



BELGIUM, Aalter -- AFP picture taken yesterday shows the entrance to the Aalter production site of the international company Bekaert, in Aalter. The steel wire company Bekaert announced yesterday plans to cut 1250 jobs worldwide, of which 600 in Belgium. The biggest loss is in Aalter, ACV already talked of a loss of 387 jobs out of 490 in that production site.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Egypt asks World Bank for \$1 bn loan for economy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Egypt has asked the World Bank for a \$1.0 billion loan to help it rebuild its economy, the Bank said yesterday.

The Bank said it had received an official request from Cairo for a development policy loan, and that it would open discussions now to "work out the details."

Last month Egypt entered discussions with the International Monetary Fund for a separate financing, reportedly as much as \$3.2 billion, to help it bridge fiscal shortfalls as it attempts to recover from the

political upheaval of the past year.

After the overthrow of longtime strongman president Hosni Mubarak in February 2011, continued turmoil on the streets resulted in wiping out much of the country's all-important tourism earnings and damaging other business sectors as well.

But the country, apparently uncomfortable with the tough conditions that could come with it, avoided seeking financing from the two Washington-based lenders.



EQUATORIAL GUINEA, Bata : A Chinese labourer from Chinese outfit Sinohydro works on the extension and modernization project of Bata's high tension electrical grid in Bata on February 2, 2012. As in many African nations, hundreds of Chinese workers are employed in Bata, creating a distinct population segregation, merchants from the bazars on one side and the employees of the big companies on the other. (AFP PHOTO)

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NYSE Euronext, Deutsche Boerse cancel merger deal

NEW YORK (AFP) - Deutsche Boerse and NYSE Euronext cancelled their mega-merger yesterday after European regulators vetoed the deal.

The decision to abandon the plan to create the world's largest exchange operator potentially dominating the global derivatives trade was expected after the European Commission on Wednesday rejected it.

"NYSE Euronext announced today that in light of the decision by the European Commission to block the proposed merger agreement, both companies have agreed to a mutual termination of the business combination agreement originally signed by the companies on February 15, 2011," NYSE Euronext said in a brief statement.

The European Commission said Wednesday it had "no alternative" but to veto the transatlantic tie-up, billed as a merger but which would have left the German side dominant in the combined company.

The EC had expressed worries that it would have had monopolistic power in certain derivatives trading.

But NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Boerse had refused recommendations to hive off some of the business that the merger would have covered.

"We could only have allowed a merger if the parties

had offered sufficient remedies" to regulator worries, the European Union's senior competition regulator Joaquin Almunia said on Wednesday.

"Unfortunately they only offered remedies limited in their scope," he said.

Well-steered in advance for losing the chance to become the world's biggest market operator, Deutsche Boerse said Wednesday the decision showed the EU was "out of touch with reality." "This is a dark day for Europe and its future competitiveness on global financial markets," it raged.

Deutsche Boerse chief Reto Francioni called the decision "inconsistent with and even contradictory to the Commission's stated aim of expanding regulation on the over-the-counter derivatives market."

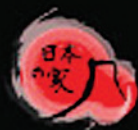
NYSE Euronext, which includes the New York Stock Exchange and exchanges in Paris and Amsterdam, said the EC decision was "based on a fundamentally different understanding of the derivatives market."

"As we made clear throughout this process, we would not agree to any concessions that would compromise or undermine the industrial and economic logic of the proposed combination," said NYSE Euronext chairman Jan-Michiel Hessels.



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Switzerland	CHF	193.42	194.14	194.94
Netherlands	EUR	231.10	233.21	235.55
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Myanmar youth make their voices heard

YANGON (AFP) - Myanmar's youth, no strangers to the country's long struggle for democracy, are increasingly daring to emerge from the political shadows as the regime promises a new era of openness.

Their enthusiasm offers much-needed new blood for Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party, whose top ranks are filled with elderly men in their 80s and 90s known as the "uncles".

With the opposition gearing up for April 1 by-elections expected to propel Suu Kyi and possibly dozens more party members into parliament for the first time, many young people are heeding the call to battle.

"I want to fight for the truth," 25-year-old NLD member Thuzar Lwin told AFP at the party's ramshackle Yangon headquarters, where she was helping to re-register recently freed dissidents on the membership list.

"I believe in my leader Aung San Suu Kyi."

Young Burmese have often been at the vanguard of their country's decades-old resistance to oppression and military rule, but in the past they often waged their campaign on the street or in the shadows.

Now they feel more able to make their voices heard.

"They always suspected us, the government. Not now. Now we are free again," said 21-year-old student Zar Yar Phyoo.

In 1988 students were at the forefront of the biggest ever uprising against the military regime, which cracked down brutally on protesters, resulting in up to 3,000 deaths and leaving students under the close watch of the authorities.

Almost two decades later in 2007, activists again took to the streets to join monk-led

protests dubbed the "Saffron Revolution" that were crushed by the regime.

Many were handed long prison sentences for their roles in the unrest and some were only recently released by the new military-backed government as part of prisoner amnesties long demanded by the international community.

Now in their 40s, they are making way for a new generation.

"We're not as young as we were, the former students of the 1988 movement. So we're trying to work with members of the young generation and in another month or so we expect to stand united," said NLD youth spokesman Myo Nyunt.

"Now many, many young people want to join our NLD party."

Not all youth activists, however, are choosing to sign up to the NLD in their struggle.

Bo Bo, 23, quit university in 2008 and joined the Generation Wave underground movement, which uses music, poetry and other art forms for peaceful expression.

The group has now started to organise more open activities to campaign for political and human rights.

"I wanted to do something for the country," he said.

"In the 2007 Saffron Revolution I saw many bad things... They attacked the monks who protested on the road very peacefully. It made me really angry and also it encouraged me to do politics and to do more for the country."

Some 30 members of the group were thrown into prison. They were released as part of the sweeping changes that are also being felt on the streets.

"We are not going to form a political party. We would like to be an activist organisation, that's all," Bo Bo said.

Many young voters in the constituencies involved in the April by-election, where 48

seats will be at stake, will be casting ballots for the second time.

The new government has promised that this time the vote will be free and fair, unlike a 2010 nationwide election that was marred by widespread complaints of cheating and swept the army's political allies to power.

The regime has since surprised observers with a series of reforms, including welcoming the NLD back into the political mainstream, inking ceasefire deals with ethnic minority rebels and releasing hundreds of political prisoners.

Tens of thousands of jubilant supporters greeted Suu Kyi on the campaign trail at the weekend, and there is a new sense of optimism in the air.

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what



Rosie and Aaron love their burger too



Gouda Burger 2

they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are

made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

NFL: Authorities take aim at China-based Super fakers

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - US authorities have seized a record \$4.8 million in fake Super Bowl souvenirs and tickets and shut down 669 websites, most from China, aimed at duping consumers with counterfeit items.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) director John Morton and NFL legal affairs vice president Anastasia Danias announced on Thursday the details of a nationwide operation that began last October and seized 42,692 items.

"It has moved from mom and pop selling out of a car trunk for \$10," Morton said. "Now you have big-time organized criminal syndicates going to the lengths of creating websites and selling for about as much as you would pay for the real thing."

Authorities, who seized only \$3.72 million in fake Super Bowl merchandise last year, have shut down 669 websites since last June and 307 during Operation Fake Sweep, most of them for trying to sell fake jerseys and hats.

But 16 websites were streaming live sport telecasts on the internet. Agents arrested a 28-year-old Michigan man, Yonjo Quiroa, on Wednesday for operating nine such sites.

Morton said those sites would have displayed the US telecast of Sunday's NFL Super Bowl 46 showdown between the New England Patriots and New York Giants.

"We have our sights set on a different type of victory, defeating the international counterfeiting rings that illegally profit off this event," Morton said.

Counterfeiters are mainly from Asia, Morton said.

"The NFL filed numerous lawsuits against many China-based websites that try to mimic the look of official NFL websites in order to dupe consumers," Danias said. "Typically we're going after networks that operate in China and other countries."

For Morton, that means attacking the network to try and hit the ringleaders in other nations.

"It's a lot tougher in the Far East," Morton said. "We have had some operations with the Chinese government but it's a challenge. The vast majority of these items are being shipped from that part of the world."

"We have had some success in arresting people overseas. It's hard."

In addition, the operation has netted 22,570 other items of fake NBA, Major League Baseball and National Hockey League souvenirs worth another \$1.6 million. All fake items are taken to huge warehouses for storage before being destroyed.

The operation will continue beyond Sunday's game as authorities try to keep fans from becoming victims by buying fake tickets, which have a face value of \$800 to \$1,200 but are on offer at official resale sites from up to \$4,000, or souvenir items sold over the internet for a small discount.

"The prices aren't low. The criminals have figured out why leave that \$90 on the table," Morton said. "If the return policy sends you back to China, that's a tell-tale sign."

"Even a savvy consumer can be tricked. That's how sophisticated these sites are."

Arrests for counterfeit tickets have already been made in New York and an investigation in Indianapolis is ongoing.

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They said Al-Ahly supporters had taunted their Al-Masry counterparts throughout the match, but others said it was no more than the usual match banter between hard core fans.

State television ran footage of riot police standing rigidly in rows as pandemonium erupted around them.

The interior minister has said most of the deaths were caused by the crush, but medics said some people were stabbed.

The health ministry said 74 people were killed, including a policeman. Hundreds were reported wounded, and police said 47 people were arrested.

The ruling military announced three days of national mourning.

World football governing body FIFA on Thursday

called for a full report on the violence.

Its president, Sepp Blatter, on Wednesday expressed his shock over a "black day for football."

The Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest political force, accused Mubarak supporters of being behind the deadly violence.

"The events in Port Said are planned and are a message from the remnants of the former regime," said MP Essam al-Erian in a statement on the Islamist group's Freedom and Justice Party website.

Since Mubarak's ouster, Egypt has seen sporadic and sometimes deadly unrest coupled with a sharp rise in crime linked to the scarcity of police, who were heavily criticised for their crackdown on protesters during the uprising.

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NFL: Patriots offer triple threat in versatile Edelman

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Julian Edelman, a receiver and kick returner converted into a defensive back as well due to injuries, gives the New England Patriots an unlikely triple threat for Sunday's Super Bowl.

Edelman was a quarterback when he played American football in college but was converted into a receiver when he joined the NFL and will now face the challenge of confronting New York Giants receivers in the championship game.

"Julian will be working to

give us everything like he always is. He will be ready in all three phases," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

"We saw Edelman as a good athlete. You could see Julian was tough. He was quick. He made a lot of plays. He was good with the ball in his hands. It was a big transition to receiver and returning punts.

When the Patriots began having injuries to defensive backs, Edelman's skill at receiver, and to a degree his expendability as a reserve for team reception leader Wes Welker, allowed him to make the switch as a fill-in defender.

"We got into some injury stretches and his skill set as a slot receiver allowed him to be put there as a cornerback," Belichick said. "He developed a little bit as a defensive player this year. He's got a lot going for him."

Edelman has some insight into how to defend rival receivers having been on the offensive side as well, but it's tricky.

"It's ultimately a foreign thing for me," Edelman said. "You are doing everything backwards, from covering a guy to terminology on the defensive side of the ball. It's like a different language and seeing things backwards.

"It's definitely a learning process and I'm still trying to learn. Any way I can help the team is awesome."

Edelman knows the task at hand is a true challenge.

New York receiver Mario Manningham hopes Edelman is on him as well.

"We're confident," he said. "I hope he is out there."

"They have a good wide receiving core," Edelman said. "This team is playing very well and we definitely have a challenge ahead of us.



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"He's going to do something early to try to get us out of our rhythm," Tuck said. "Our backs are going to have to help us out. It's going to be a total team effort to beat him."

When the Giants have the ball, Tuck expects great things from Eli Manning, whose drive for the winning touchdown in the final seconds of the 2008 Super Bowl enabled New York to beat New England and deny the Patriots an unbeaten championship run.

"You have confidence in Eli that no matter what's going on, he is going to get us in position for that game-winning score," Tuck said. "There are only a handful of guys who can do that and he is one of them."

Expect running backs Ahmad Bradshaw and Brandon Jacobs to carry the load for New York's ground game. The Giants went

through their first practice session in Indianapolis on Wednesday after a travel day and an off day.

"We're excited about getting on the field," Tuck said. "A lot of guys were champing at the bit. We wish we could play it today but we've got to wait until Sunday."



Tom Brady #12 of the New England Patriots celebrates with teammate Kevin Faulk #33 after defeating the Baltimore Ravens

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Clashes in Egypt after deadly football disaster



Thousands of Egyptians march in a protest from Al-Ahly club to the headquarters of the ministry of interior in Cairo on February 2, 2012 against the previous day's deadly riots after a football match. Egypt began three days of mourning after 74 people were killed in an eruption of violence at a football match.

CAIRO (AFP) - Clashes erupted in the Egyptian capital on Thursday between protesters and police, as the government scrambled to contain mounting anger over post-football match violence that killed 74 people.

Black-clad riot police fired tear gas at protesters trying to reach the interior ministry, furious at the lack of police intervention in Wednesday's violence in the northern city of Port Said.

Injured protesters were ferried away by motorbike, with medics saying around 20 people were suffering from tear gas inhalation.

Ambulances whizzed through the nearby Tahrir Square, epicentre of last year's uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak, towards the site of the clashes.

Wednesday's deadly violence between fans of home team Al-Masry and Cairo's Al-Ahly marked one of the deadliest incidents in football history and sent shares on the Cairo stock exchange plunging in Thursday trade.

Hundreds of Al-Ahly fans, wearing their team T-shirts and waving flags, were joined by other team supporters, activists

and ordinary Egyptians on the march from their club headquarters towards the interior ministry via Tahrir Square.

"This was not a sports accident, this was a military massacre!" the crowds chanted, blaming the ruling military council for the violence.

Prime Minister Kamal al-Ganzuri told an emergency session of parliament on the tragedy that the Egyptian football association's director and board had been sacked, as had Port Said's security chief.

Ganzuri added that the Port Said governor had also resigned, and this had been accepted.

However, furious MPs demanded the sacking of Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim who sat solemnly in the assembly, listening to accusations of negligence.

Wednesday's clashes erupted at the final whistle of a match which saw home team Al-Masry beat Al-Ahly 3-1.

Al-Masry fans invaded the pitch, throwing rocks, bottles and fireworks at Al-Ahly supporters, causing chaos and panic as players and fans fled in all directions, witnesses said.

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NFL: Giants pass rushers ready to run down Brady

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - New York Giants defenders know they must overpower New England blockers and disrupt Patriots quarterback Tom Brady with pressure to have the best chance of winning Sunday's Super Bowl 46.

"Up front, somebody has to do something against somebody if we're going to get to Tom," Giants defensive end Justin Tuck said. "You have to hit these guys. You can't allow time to stand and look upfield the whole game."

Brady, capping the greatest passing season of his career, is trying to lead the Patriots to their fourth NFL title in 11 seasons. He would match the record for quarterback Super Bowl wins shared by Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw.

But first, he must stay upright long enough to connect with his receivers.

"It wouldn't be the Super

Bowl if they weren't talking about coming after me and knocking me out," Brady said. "Our offensive line gets paid too and they do a great job of protecting me."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick has milked the most of uncertainty about key blockers with injuries, including tackles Matt Light and Sebastian Vollmer and tight end Rob Gronkowski, a major receiving threat as well as a tough lineman.

All said they were well on Wednesday, although Gronkowski missed practice again and has not worked out since his injury 10 days ago. All are waiting to hear their status for Sunday.

"I don't really pay much attention to that," said Giants defensive end Osi Umenyiora. "Everybody is going to be themselves on Sunday."

They're going to be ready to play.

"We're going to have to disrupt (Brady). That's pretty much it. If we're able to get to the quarterback, we're going to have a good chance of winning."

Belichick likes Light's chances of blocking for Brady as he has for longer than any current tackle-quarterback combination in the NFL.

"I'm sure Tom has a lot of confidence working behind Matt as he always has," Belichick said. "He's tough. He's smart. He has real good technique with his hands and footwork."

The Patriots also figure to run some early screen plays and run off fake pass plays to try to keep Giants defenders from charging full speed at Brady.

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